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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT SEATTLE

9 YIJIN MO RATKOWSKI, *et al.*,  
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11 Plaintiffs,  
12 v.  
13 ALEJANDRO N. MAYORKAS, *et al.*,  
14 Defendants.

No. 2:23-cv-1536-JLR

STIPULATED MOTION TO HOLD  
CASE IN ABEYANCE AND  
~~PROPOSED~~ ORDER

Noted for Consideration on:  
March 13, 2024

15 Plaintiffs and Defendants, by and through their counsel of record, pursuant to Federal Rule  
16 of Civil Procedure 6 and Local Rules 7(d)(1), 10(g) and 16, hereby jointly stipulate and move to  
17 continue to stay these proceedings until April 22, 2024. Plaintiffs bring this case pursuant to the  
18 Administrative Procedure Act and Mandamus Act seeking an order compelling U.S. Citizenship  
19 and Immigration Services (“USCIS”) to complete processing of their Form I-130, Petition for  
20 Alien Relative. This case is currently stayed through March 16, 2024. Dkt. No. 12. There is good  
21 cause to continue to hold this case in abeyance.

22 Courts have “broad discretion” to stay proceedings. *Clinton v. Jones*, 520 U.S. 681, 706  
23 (1997). “[T]he power to stay proceedings is incidental to the power inherent in every court to  
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1 control the disposition of the causes on its docket with economy of time and effort for itself, for  
2 counsel, and for litigants.” *Landis v. N. Am. Co.*, 299 U.S. 248, 254 (1936); *see also* Fed. R. Civ.  
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4 With additional time, this case may be resolved, or the issues narrowed. On March 13,  
5 2024, Plaintiff sent a response to the Notice of Intent to Deny (“NOID”) concerning the Form I-  
6 130. Once received, USCIS requires at least 30 days to review the response and take further action.  
7 To provide time for this to occur, the parties request that this case continue to be stayed until April  
8 22, 2024.

9 Accordingly, the parties request this Court continue to hold the case in abeyance until April  
10 22, 2024. The parties will submit a joint status report on or before April 22, 2024.

11 Dated: March 13, 2024

12 Respectfully submitted,

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21 I certify that this memorandum contains 267 words,  
22 in compliance with the Local Civil Rules.

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1 **~~PROPOSED~~ ORDER**

2 The case is held in abeyance until April 22, 2024. The parties shall submit a joint status  
3 report on or before April 22, 2024. It is so **ORDERED**.

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5 DATED this 14th day of March, 2024.

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9 United States District Judge

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